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Le Sage, in his preface to Gil Blas tells of two scholars traveling to Salamanca on foot, who about mid-day retired to a shady place off the roadside to refresh themselves.

A large flat stone embedded in the earth served the purpose of a table. Clearing away a space for their accommodation, they were greatly surprised to see some deep cut letters which read: "Here lieth the soul of the Licentiate Pedro."

One of the scholars laughed heartily at what he considered such a stupid blunder, and having concluded his meal, he arose to depart. The other remained. Considering the singularity of the inscription, he concluded to pursue its meaning; so, using his clasp-knife, he dug around the stone, and after much effort removed it from its bed. A leather bag, containing many gold pieces and the following letter met his view.

"These riches have been acquired at the expense of my soul. Whoever has the wit to interpret the inscription is entitled to the wealth."

Reader you will, after perusing this book, resemble one of the scholars. Be influenced by the example of the wise one. Come to JOHN F. MASON to make your purchases of Furniture, Carpets, Oil Cloths, etc., etc.



This marble-top Stand is large and very stylish. Its panels are of French burls, highly polished, standing out boldly on a framing constructed of the best black walnut, thoroughly seasoned.

The cost of this beautiful piece of Furniture is only \$18.00.

1881.

INTRODUCTORY.

I am induced again to present you with an entirely new issue of my Illustrated Catalogue and Price List of Furniture. While retaining all that is staple of my former designs, I have added many new and desirable patterns which will meet your eye in the following pages, and I hope will also meet your approval.

No effort on my part, which an active experience of thirty-five years has rendered almost absolute, will be left untried to secure to my patrons goods that will, as heretofore, take rank in the households of the prudent rich and the careful poor. Human ingenuity in devising mechanical contrivances to lighten labor and facilitate the production of household furniture, has perhaps, conferred a greater boon on mankind than has intellectual effort in any other direction.

The mechanic or farm laborer of to-day has, if he fortunately furnished his home from my establishment, the pleasing satisfaction of knowing that his home is more beautiful, attractive and convenient in all that ministers to ease and comfort, than the households of the wealthy of a former period.

My department of Carpets and Oil Cloths is replete with every variety that cultured taste will require. Our manufacturers deserve our gratitude in turning away from harsh, angular and uncouth designs to follow nature as she displays herself in flower, leaf and branch. I now commit this book to your kind consideration, with the assurance on my part that it is strictly faithful in all its statements.

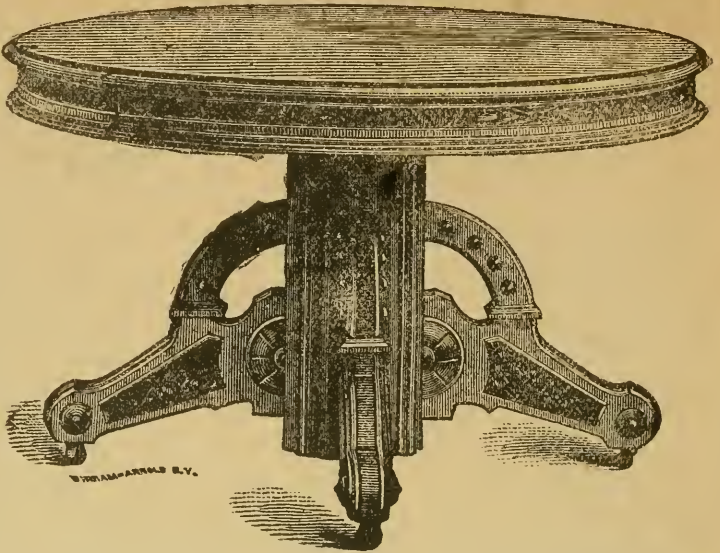
In conclusion I would state, that any deviation in prices that a falling market would allow will be cheerfully deducted from present prices as now published.

Yours respectfully,

March, 1881

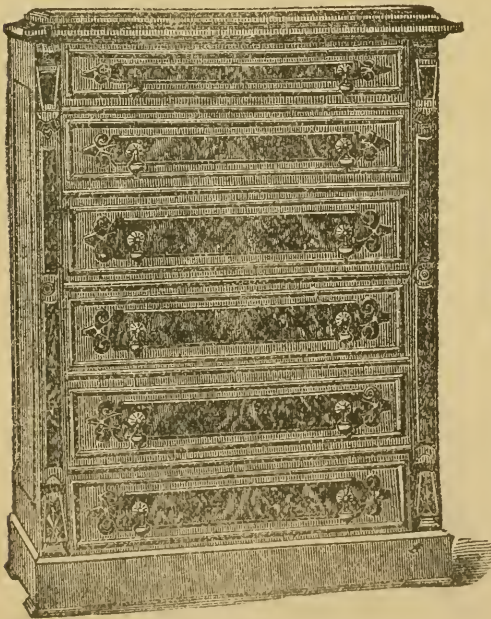
JOHN F. MASON.

The best and about the only way to get even with a treacherous mule is to take his shoes off, lead him on to smooth ice, and then blackguard him. He dare not indulge his natural propensity, and the vexation of spirit exhibited in his intelligent countenance will in some measure compensate for his former agility.



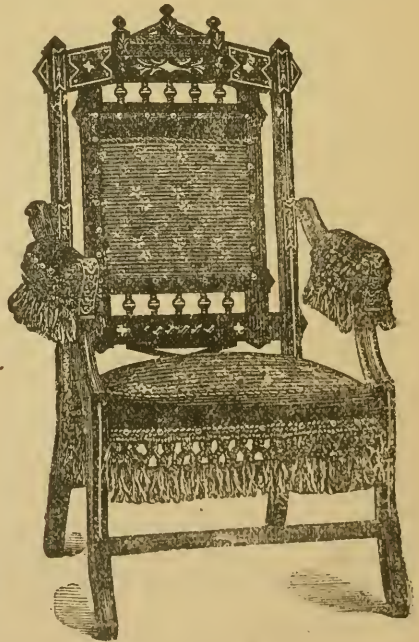
These Extension Tables extend 6, 8, 10 and 12 feet; they run smooth on slides of the most approved kind, and are never liable to get out of order.

The tables to which this cut refers are as perfect in construction and beautiful of appearance as the most skillful labor on the best material can produce. Price from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per foot.

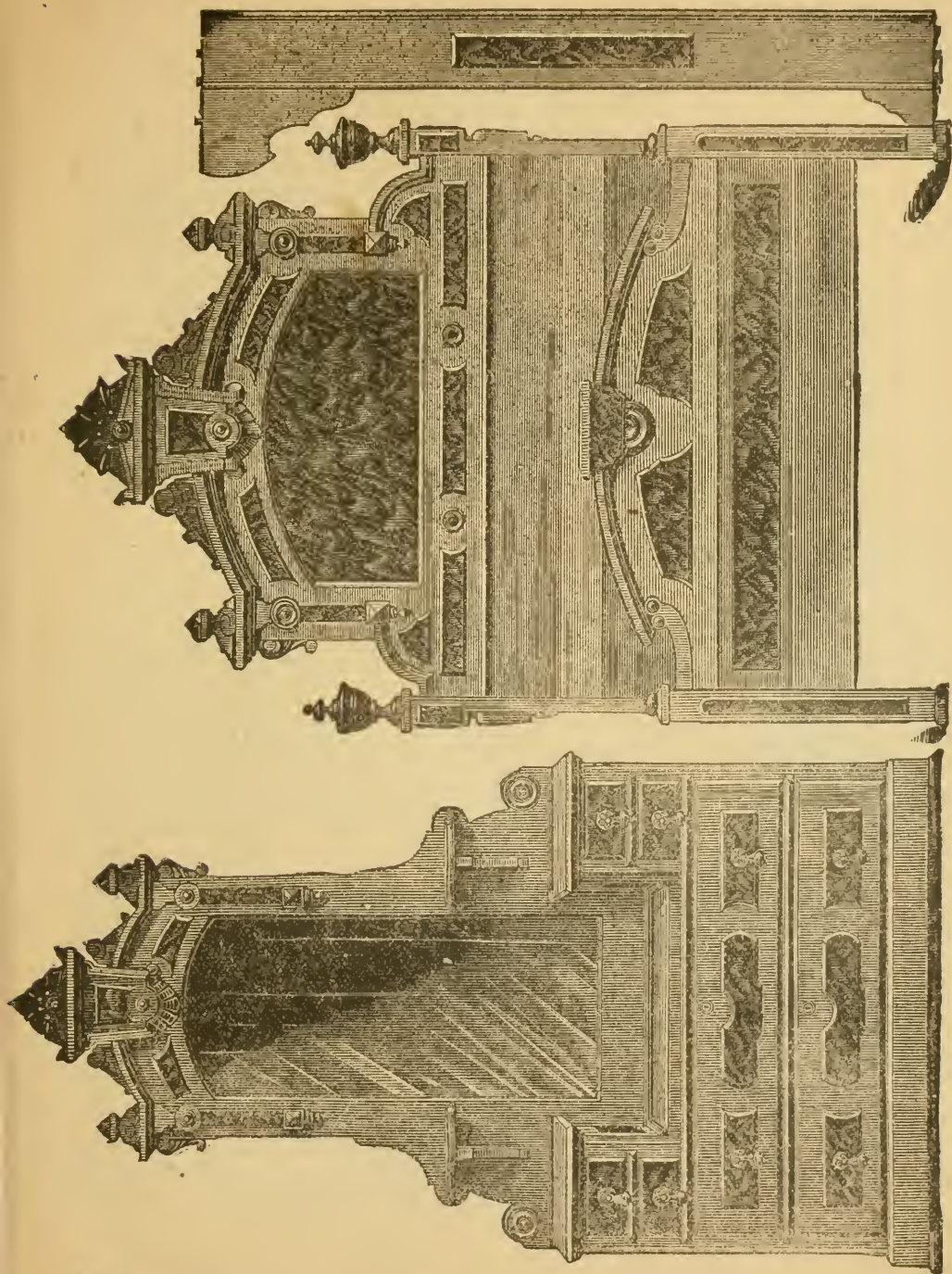


This Chiffonier is a very desirable article and costs only \$22.00.

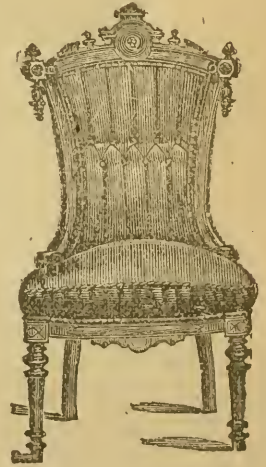
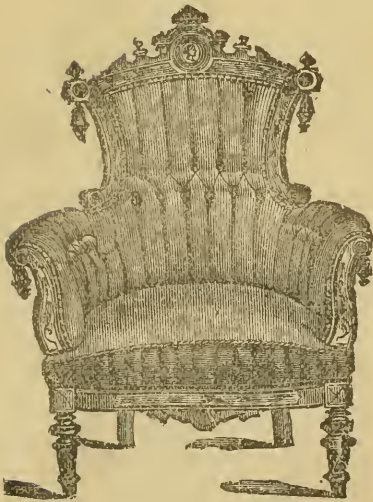
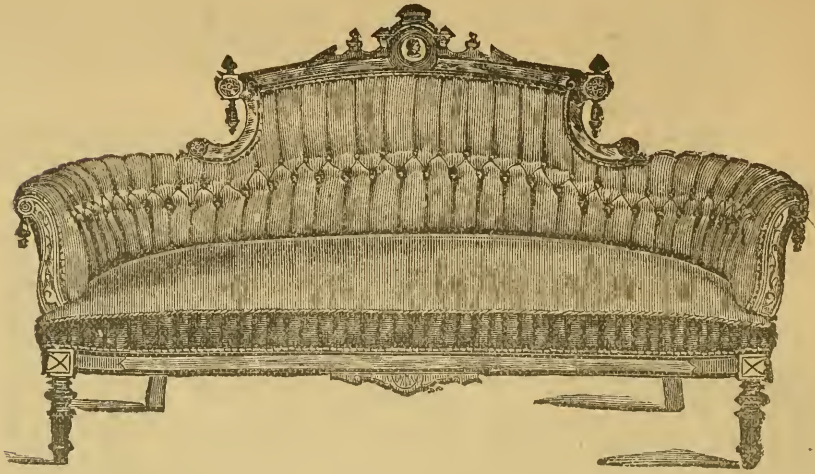
We have them with desk in the middle drawer, which makes a very convenient secretary.



A large assortment of Fancy Folding Chairs in Brussels, Velvet, Wilton and Raw Silk coverings. Prices vary according to style, covering, &c. This Chair is \$9.50.

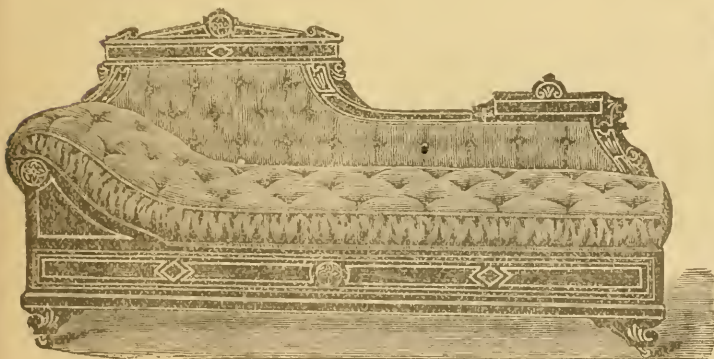


This remarkable handsome Bedstead and Dressing Case complete, Glass, Marble and Fancy Pulls for \$40.00. An examination of this suit will convince you that it is superior in construction and finish to any offered elsewhere for even more money.



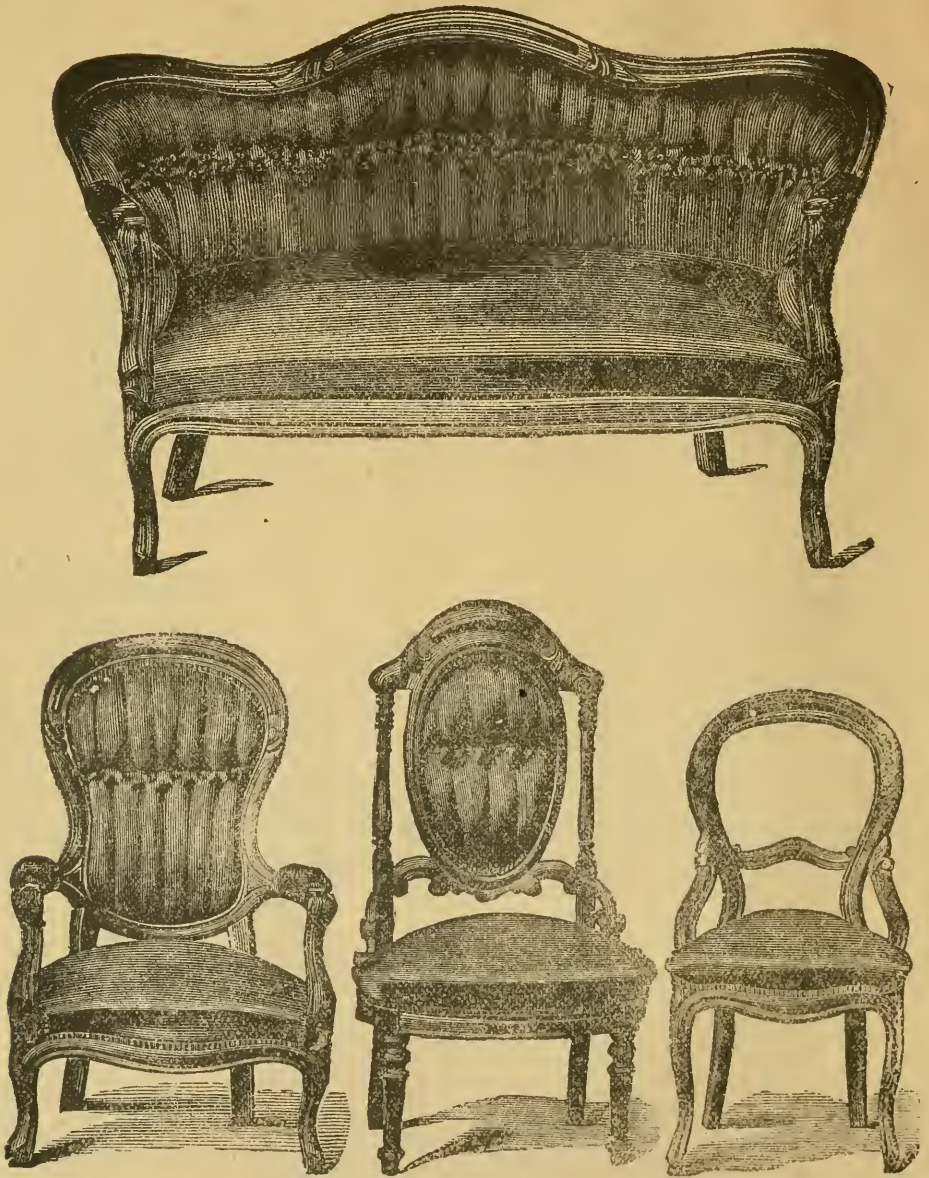
The difference in shape, name and style of the Parlor Suits in my ware-rooms preclude the possibility of illustration; they are comprised of Marie Antionette, Queen Ann, East Lake, Occidental, and every new and worthy contribution that art in this direction can devise. The prices range from \$45 to \$250. I would here, say, that it may be a matter of regret if you purchase elsewhere without calling on the old and trustworthy establishment corner Myrtle Avenue and Bridge Street.

It is best not to skate into airholes; most of them are filled with water and are exceedingly damp.



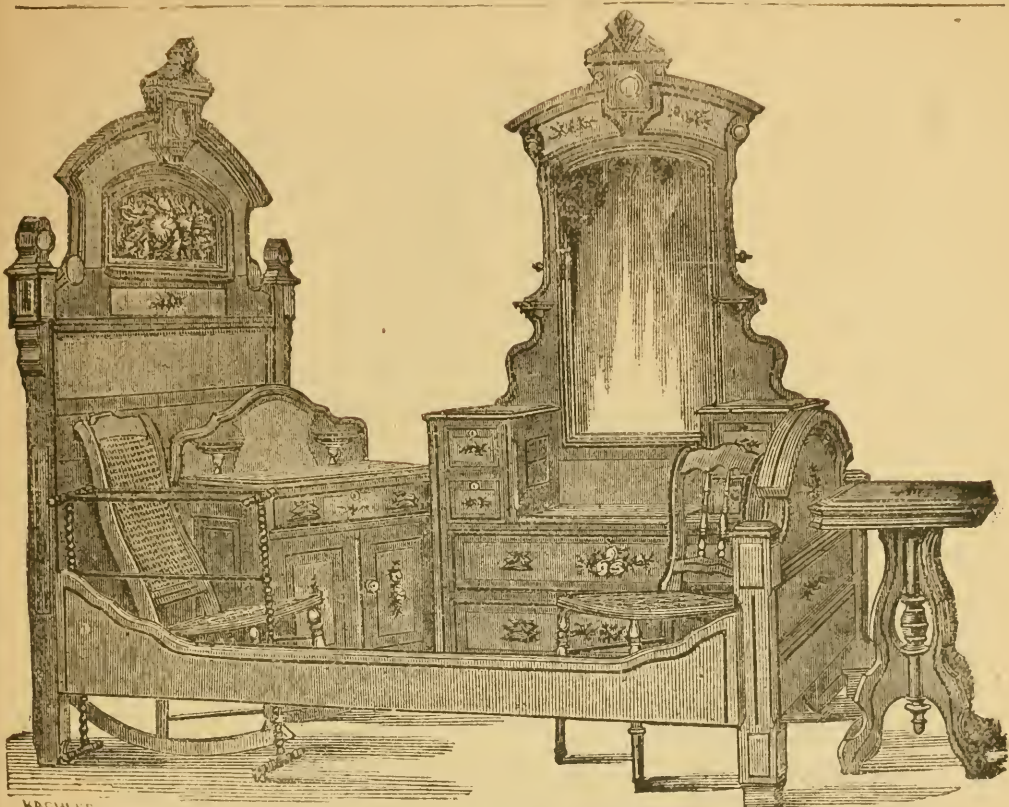
This beautiful Pedestal designed for Rodgers' Statuary Groups, costs \$12.00. Others much less in price.

The upper illustration shows the manner of opening the lounge. Its perfection as a bed, the ease with which it is opened and closed, its beauty and simplicity of motion, commands for it a ready sale. Price, from \$20.00 to \$45.00.



This suit consists of seven pieces, viz: Tete-a-tete, Arm Chair, Reception Chair and four Side Chairs. It is made from seasoned Walnut, carefully selected. The upholstering is done only by adult mechanics. Its price, in Hair Cloth or Reps is \$28.00.

Man glories in his strength ; woman glories in her hair ; yet butter is silent even in the possession of both.



W.C. MASON

These Enameled Suits are finished in durable colors; surface hard and brilliant. Material thoroughly seasoned. Warranted in every respect. Price, \$30.00 for this suit. I have added some very handsome Japanese designs to my already extensive assortment of enameled furniture.

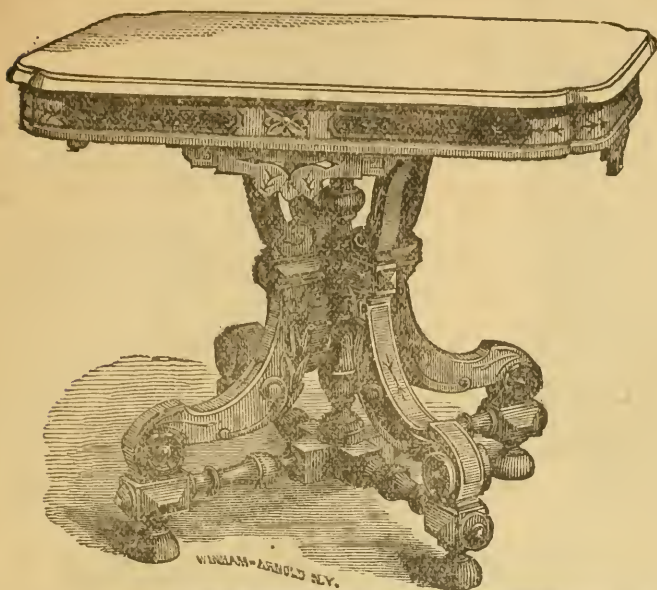


This Cottage Suit in any color, well finished for \$15 at MASON'S Myrtle Avenue, corner Bridge Street. It will amply repay you to call before purchasing elsewhere.



One word about the Clocks, to which a few illustrations in this book refer. They are made for my establishment, by the celebrated Ansonia Clock Co., and are guaranteed to me in every respect, which guarantee I extend to my customers. They are perfect timekeepers and models in art. The amount of money, time and patience expended by the Company to bring this industry to its present perfection, not only excites our wonder, but calls for our gratitude ; for we are enabled at a very small outlay to place on our mantelpiece an accurate time-keeper and a beautiful ornament.

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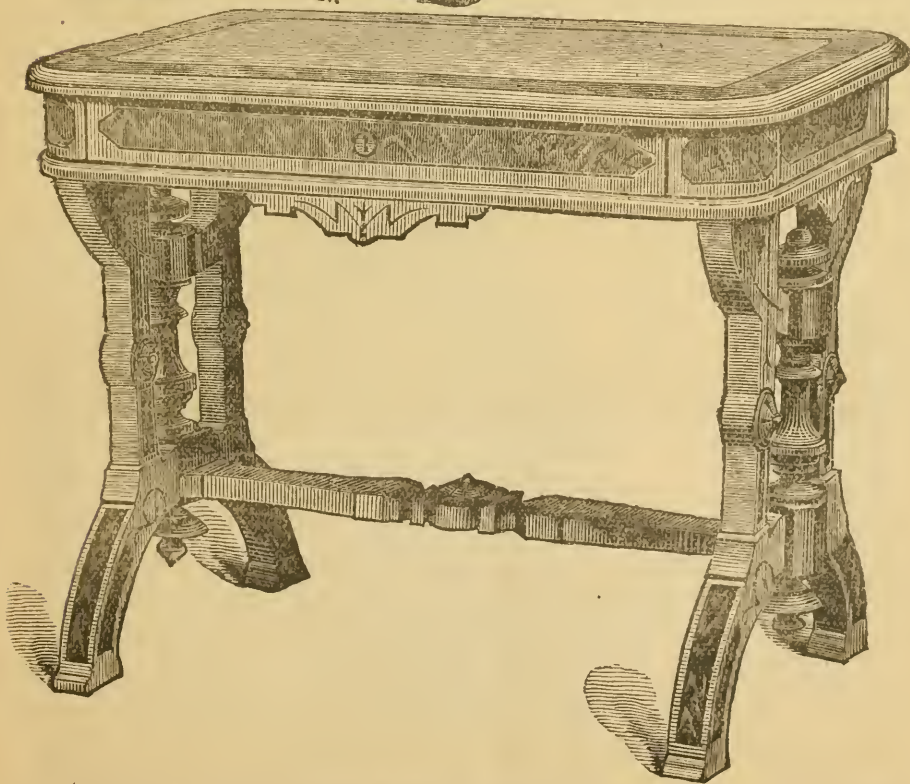


This Marble Top Table is finished in Ebony or plain Walnut ornamented with French burls.

Price, \$22.00.

There is a difference in milkmaids; the milk made in the country is not the same as the milk made in the city.

Writing a sketch of his life, an Irishman says: "he early run away from his father because he discovered he was only his uncle."



Our stock of Library Tables are very extensive. This is about the plainest and costs but \$15.00. Call and examine, we deem it a pleasure to show our goods.



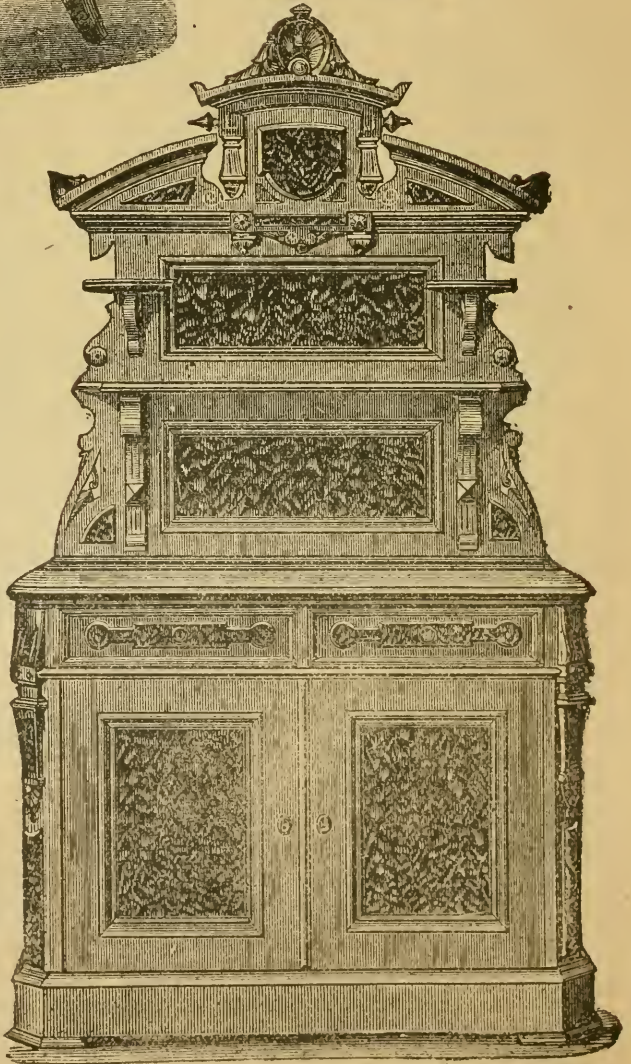
This style of Chair is very desirable, being large and comfortable, and costs from \$10.00 to \$30.00, according to material in covering.

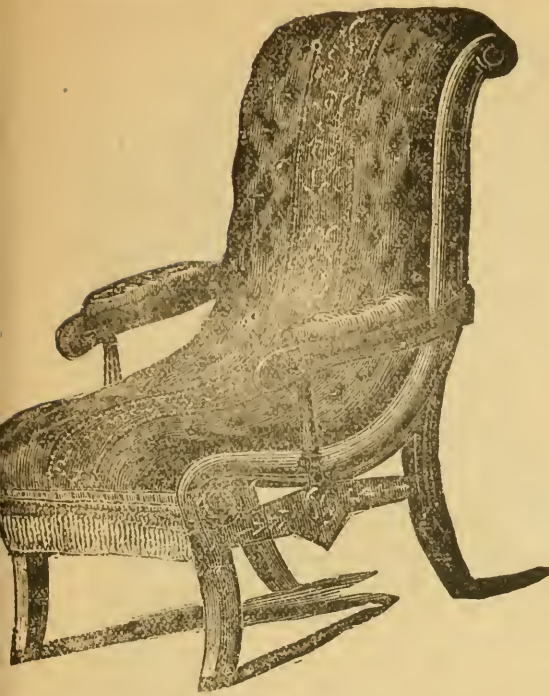


This Platform Rocker has a very easy motion and costs but \$12.00.

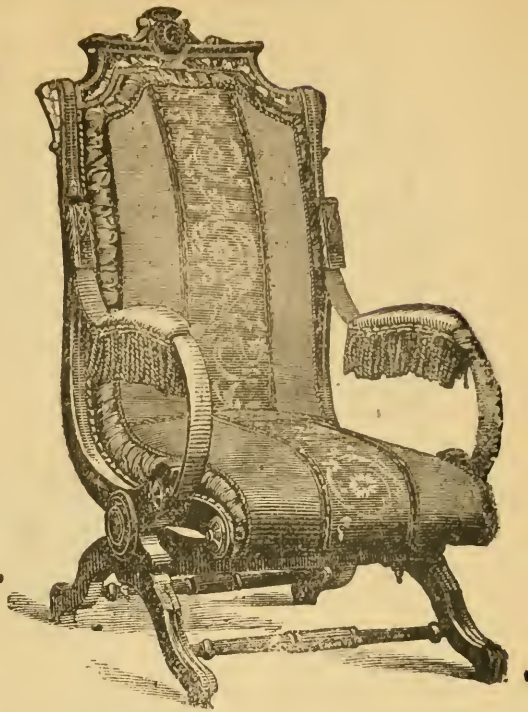
The adjoining cut represents one of the many very elaborate and certainly well made side-boards that has place in my ware-rooms. Prices range from \$20.00 upwards. Warranted not to warp or split.

A young lady was endeavoring to impress upon the minds of her Sunday School scholars the sin and terrible punishment of Nebuchadnezzar, and when she said that for seven years he ate grass like a cow, she was astonished by a little girl, who asked, "Did he give milk?"

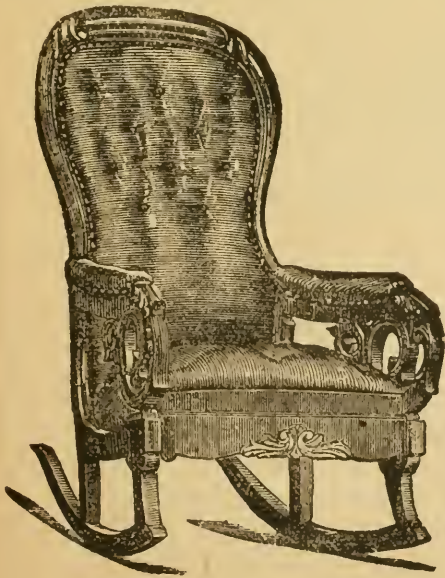




This Roman Arm Chair is considered an excellent and serviceable article. Costs from \$14 to \$20.



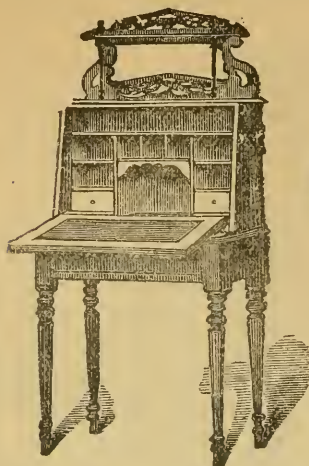
This Rocker is patented by Messrs. Palmer and Embury. Its arms are of the finest Damascus steel, which are by a peculiar contrivance connected with a stationary platform. Its motion is easy and uniform. Price from \$20 to \$25.



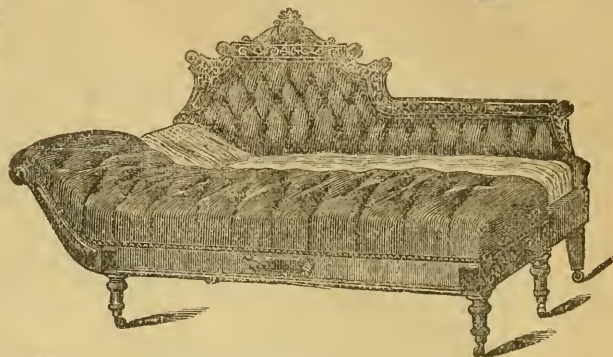
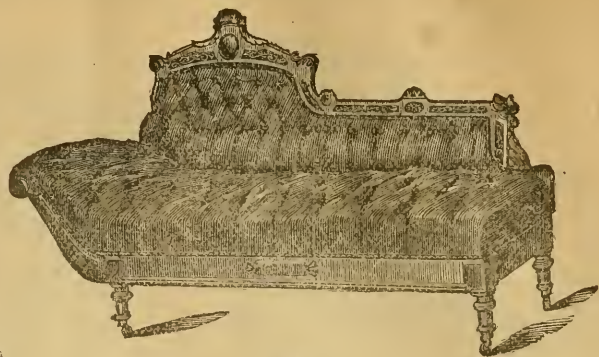
This Rocker \$8.50; in Hair Cloth, made of Black Walnut, is a good substantial article.



This Rocker in Hair Cloth or Rep \$6 00.



Very neat. Price \$8.00.
Solid Walnut.



By one simple motion this Lounge is opened or closed. We give special attention to the manufacture of this Lounge, and confidently recommend it. Price \$26.00.

HEARTH RUGS.

Very rich designs in velvet. Endless in variety and exceedingly low in price.

LACE CURTAINS.

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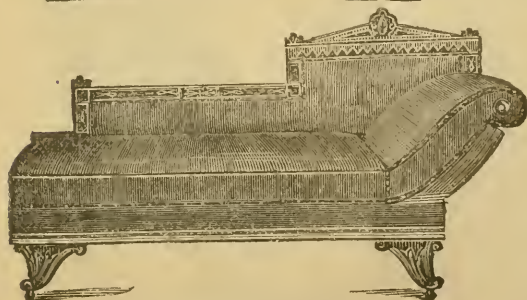
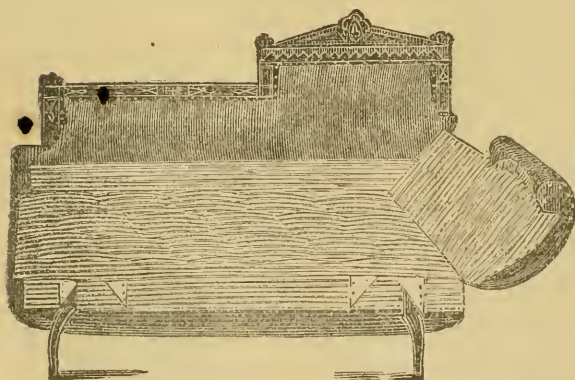
WINDOW CORNICES,

Unrivalled in beauty of design and skill of workmanship at

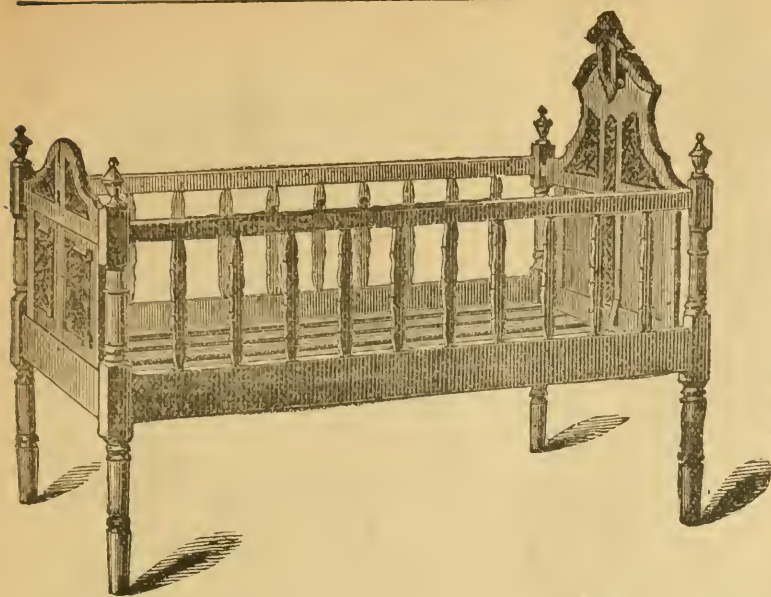
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For a low-priced Lounge, affording the accommodation of a bed, there is nothing handled by the trade equal to the above. Price 12.00.

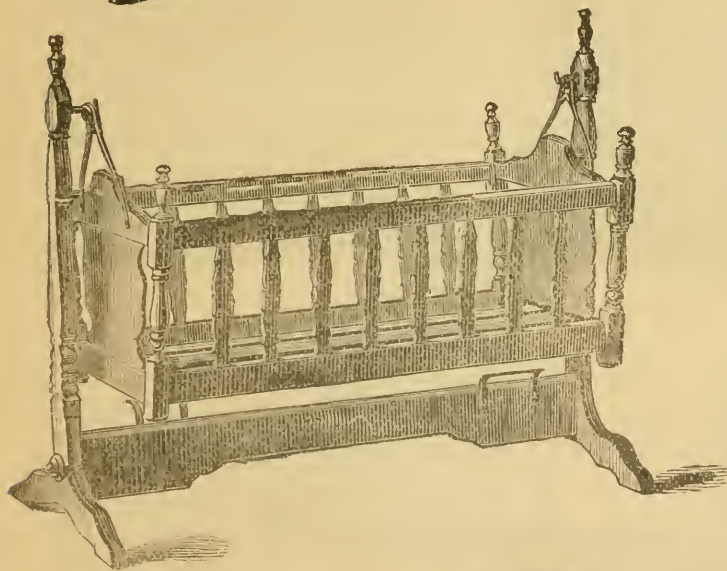


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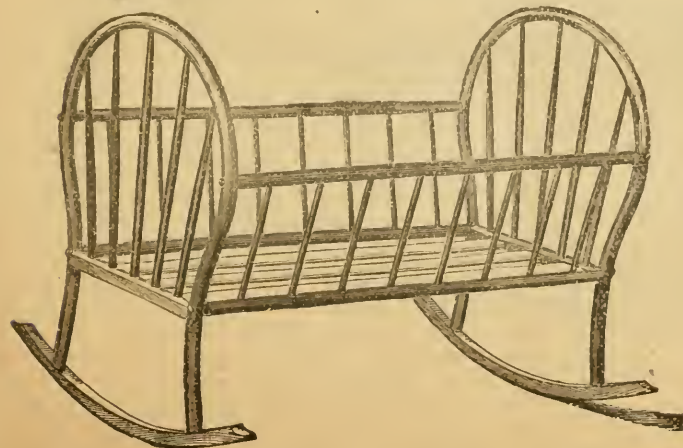
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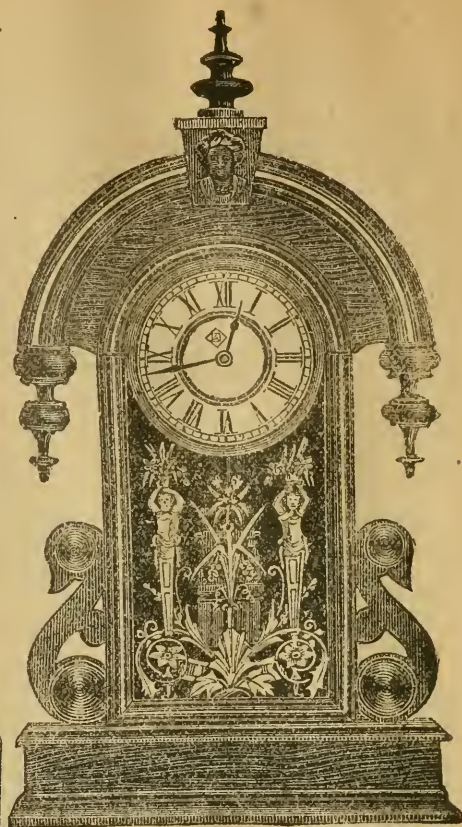
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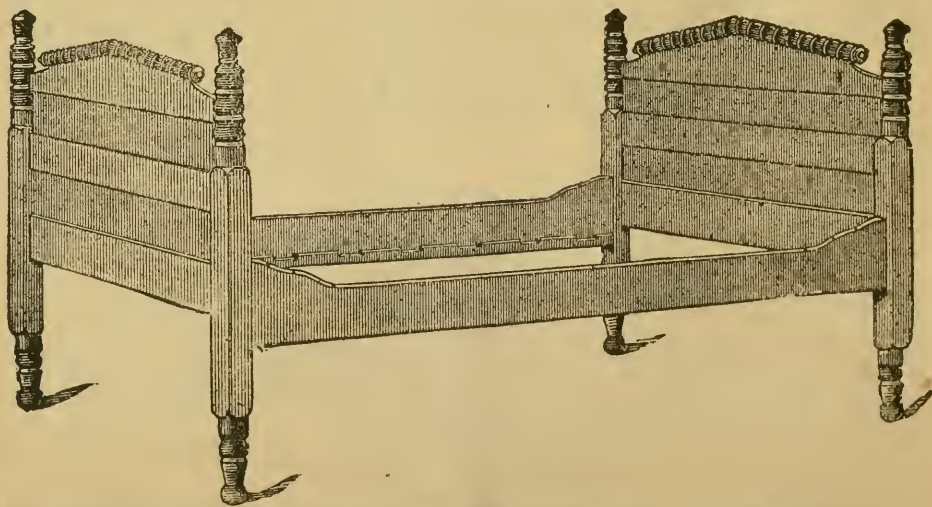
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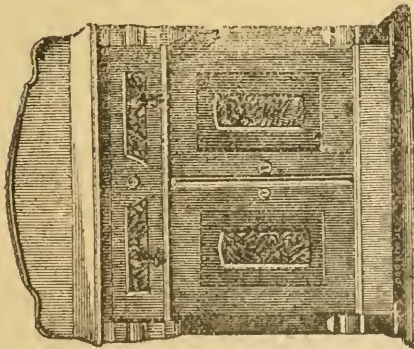
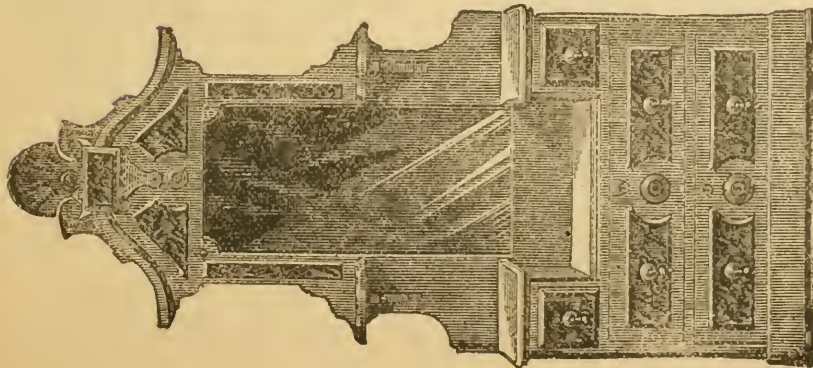
Quick Sales and Small Profits is Mason's Motto.



We do not sell these Clocks to retailers.



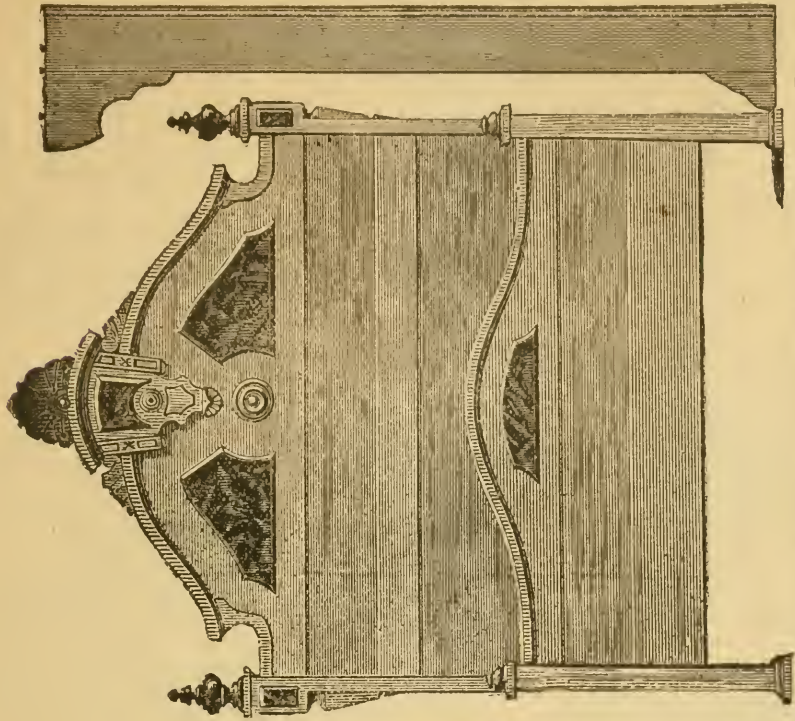
This Bedstead is doubled paneled, strong and substantial. Costs but \$2.50. And made of hardwood and has double-lock fastenings.



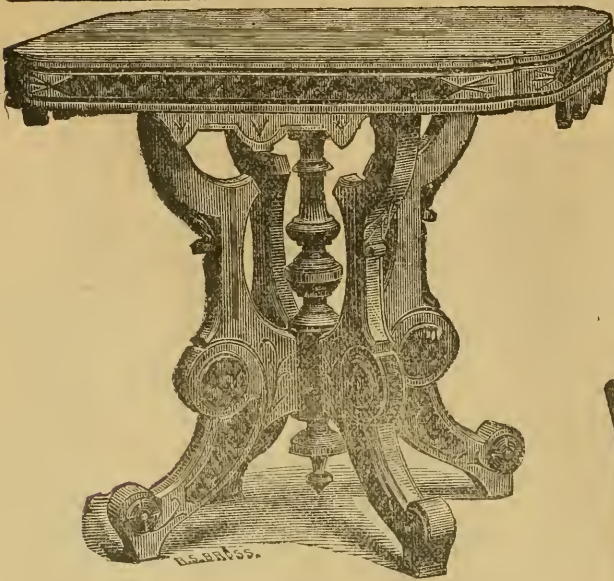
This Suit,

3 Pieces,

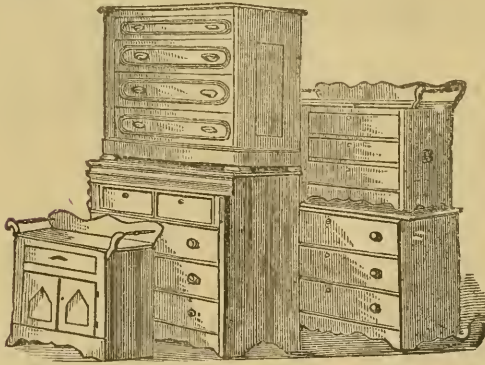
\$35.00.



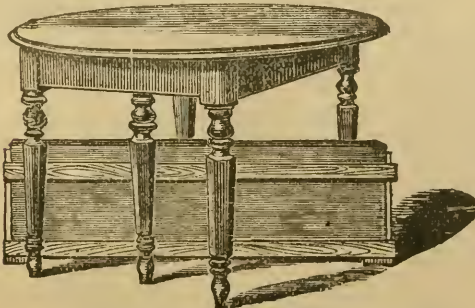
*Mason will not suffer any house to undersell him, call and be satisfied.
He is often misrepresented but never undersold.*



This Marble Top Table is large and very highly ornamented with French Walnut. It has a ready sale at \$12.00. Size of Marble, 33x24.



Walnut Bureaus and Wash Stands in large quantities and low prices.



A good well-made Extension Table for \$6.00, at JOHN F. MASON'S.

POOR RICHARD'S MAXIMS.

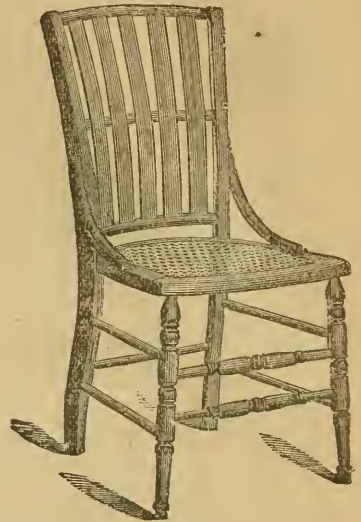
Diligence is the mother of good luck, and God gives all things to industry.

There are no gains without pains; then help hands, for I have no lands.

God helps those who help themselves.

Lost time is never found again.

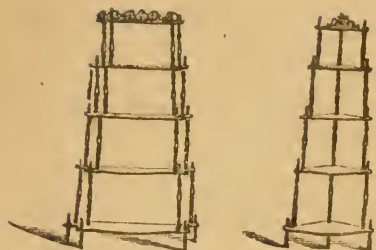
Industry pays debts, while despair increases them.



This Dining Chair, Cane seat, \$1.25.



Oak Cane Seat Dining Chair, \$1.25.

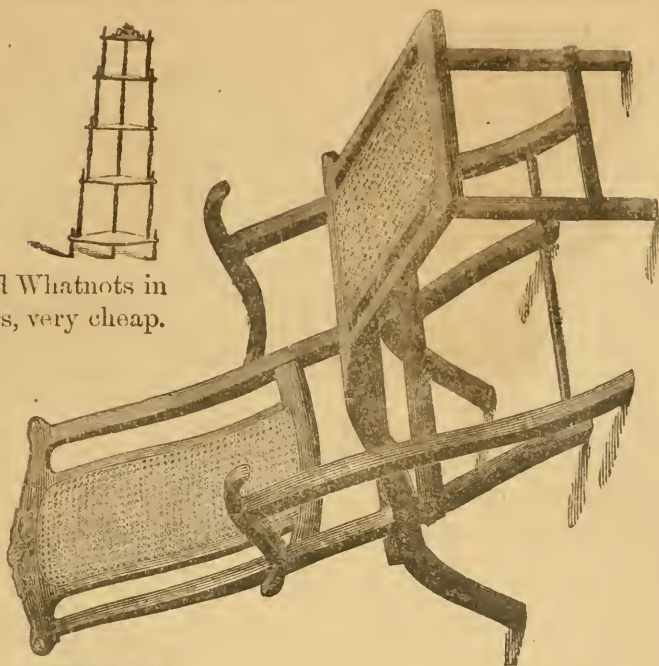


Bookstands and Whatnots in countless numbers, very cheap.

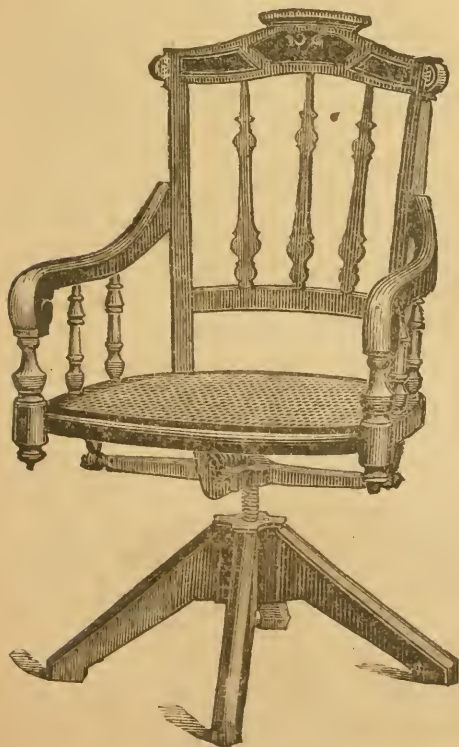
**OFFICE
TABLES & DESKS**

MADE TO ORDER.

A fine assortment
on hand.



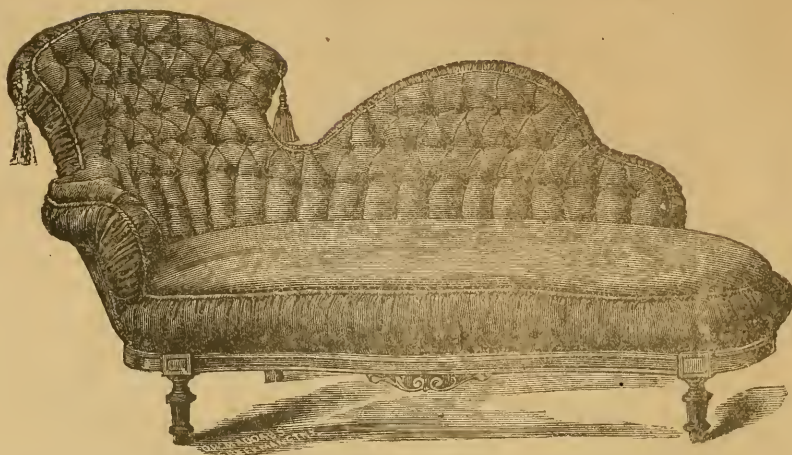
This Reclining Chair folds into a small compass and sells readily for \$3.50.



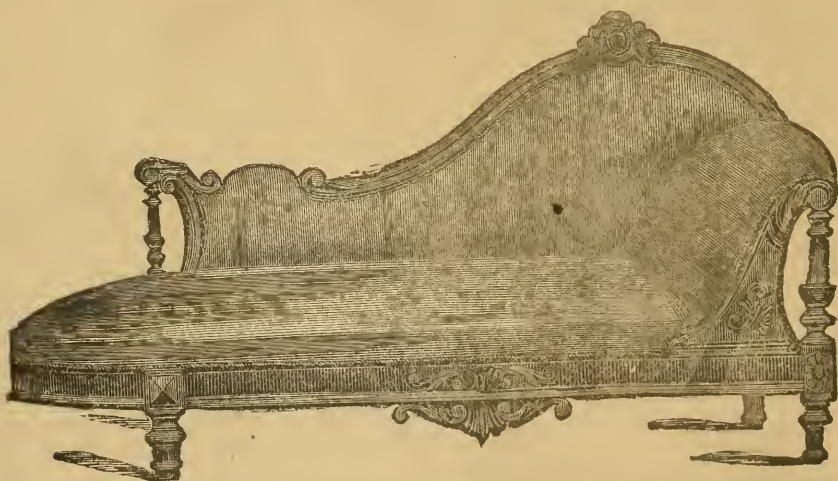
This Walnut Revolving Chair has screw and spring. Very desirable for office or library. Price \$6.00.



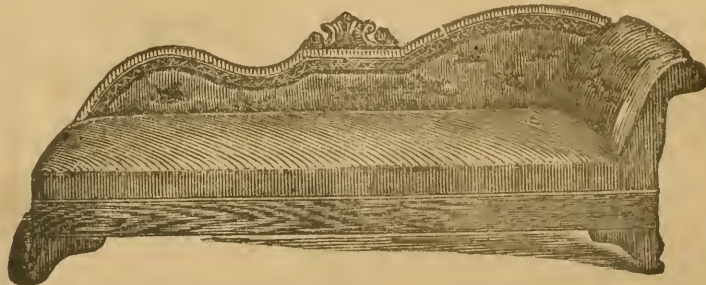
A splendid Arm Chair. Fine cane and very strong. Price, \$5.00.



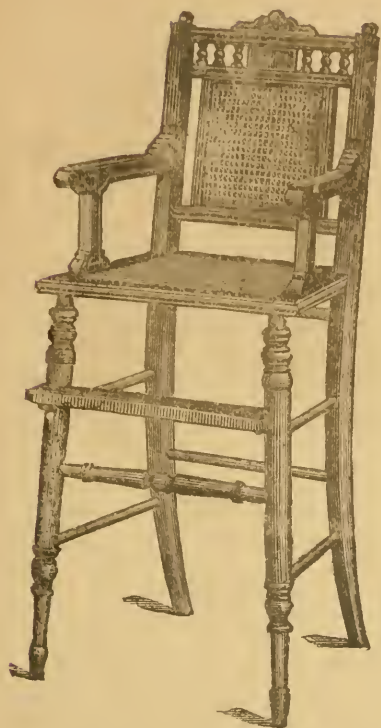
For ease and comfort no lounge manufactured can excel the Turkish lounge to which the above cut refers. Price from \$25.00 to \$45.00.



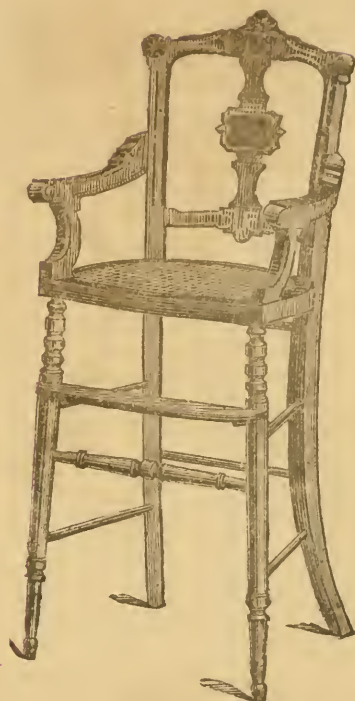
This very handsome Pillar Lounge is much in use and commands a ready sale. Price, in accordance with upholstery, from \$20.00 to \$35.00.



This Lounge is the plainest we make. It affords bed accommodation and costs but \$6.50.



This Queen Ann High Chair, walnut frame, cane seat and back, \$2.75.



This very handsome Chair for \$2.50

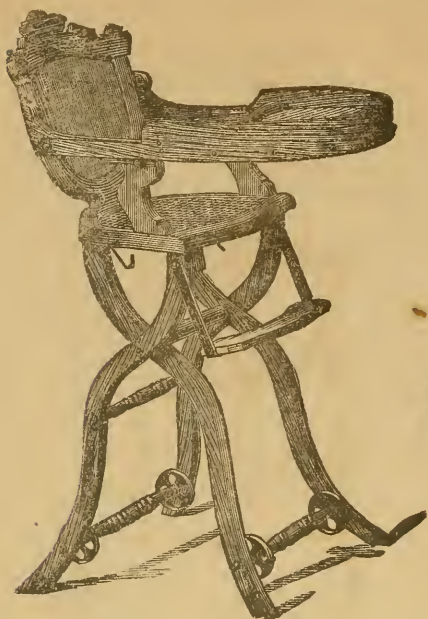


This Child's Rocker to match the above Table Chair costs the same, viz.: \$2.75.

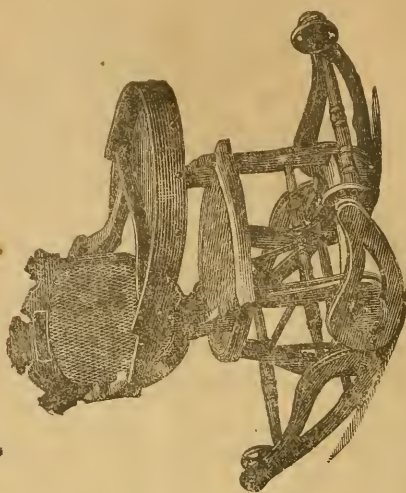


This Rocker, \$2.50.

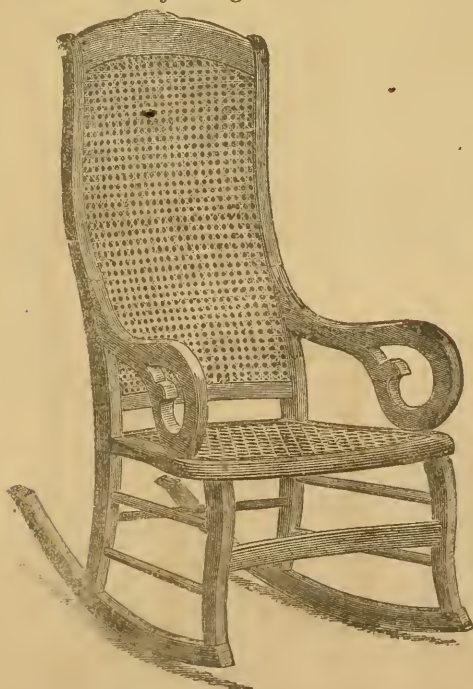
All these Chairs are made from thoroughly seasoned Walnut.



This Patent High Chair is quite a novelty, being capable of being made into a Carriage and Rocking Chair. See adjoining cut.



This Chair is now in position as a Rocker. By another simple motion it can be made into a Carriage on Wheels. Price \$5.50.

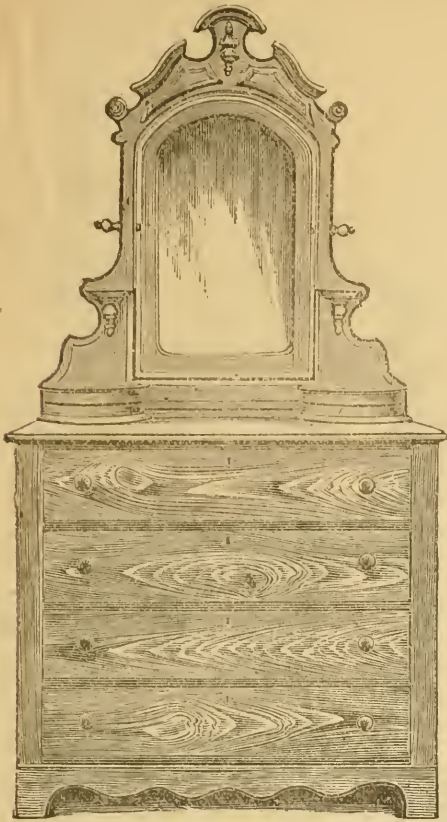


This large cane back and seat Rocker for \$2.50.



This Brace Arm Rocker for \$2.25.

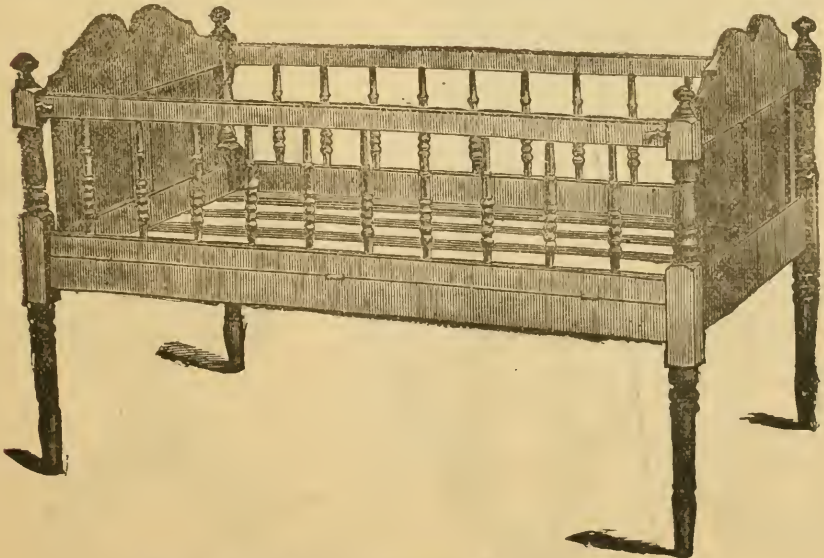
A preacher took up a collection on Sunday and found when his hat was returned that there wasn't a penny in it. "I thank God," said he, turning the hat upside down and tapping the crown of it with his hand, "that I have got my hat back from this congregation."



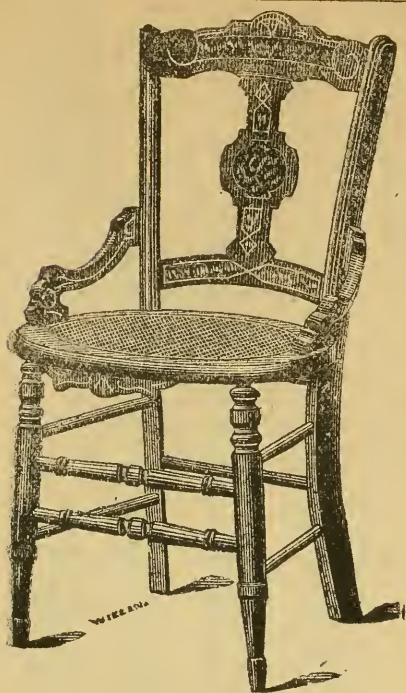
This Bureau and Glass for \$7.50.



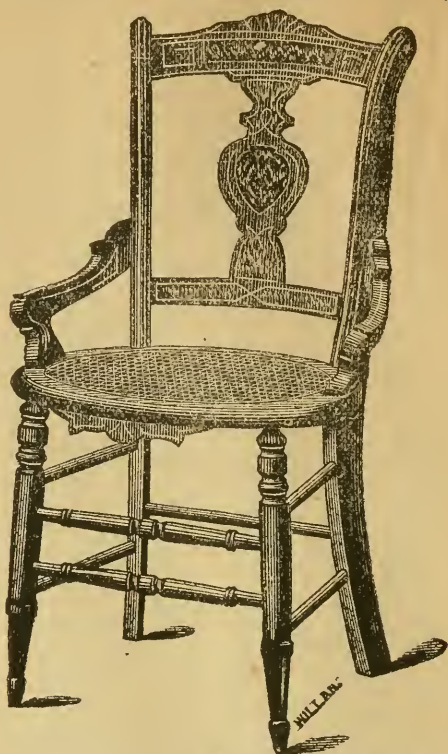
Revolving Office Stool \$2.00.



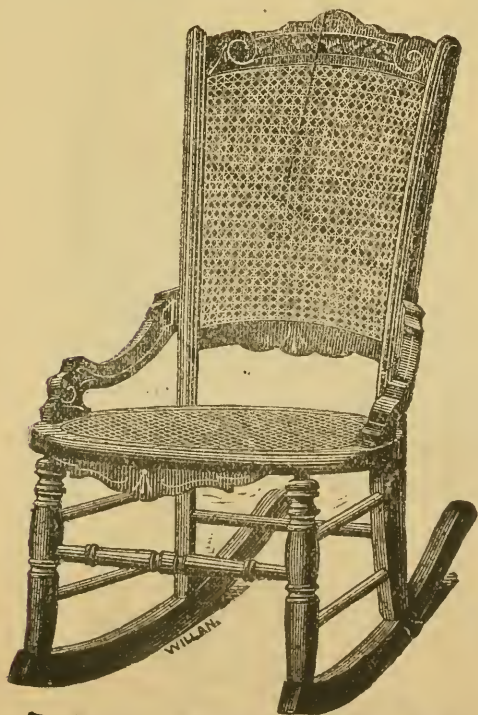
A good, strong and serviceable Folding Crib, \$3.00.



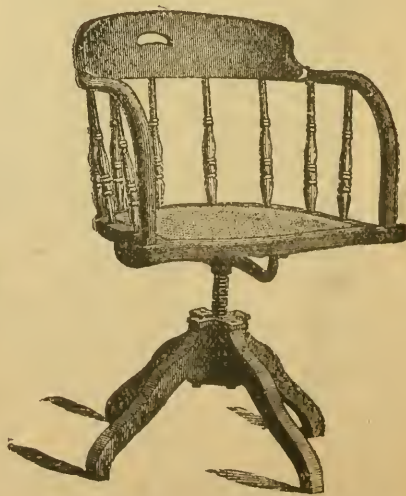
This handsome Brace Arm Walnut Chair, \$2.25 each.



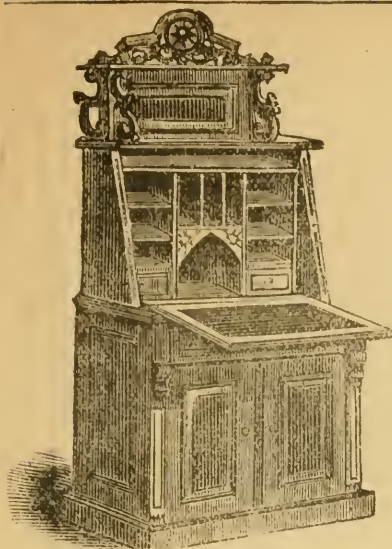
New style, from \$2.00 to \$2.50 each.



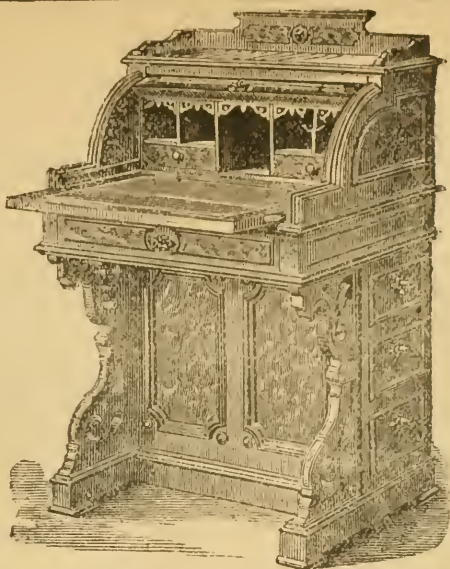
Rockers in every variety, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 each at MASON'S Myrtle Avenue, cor. Bridge St.



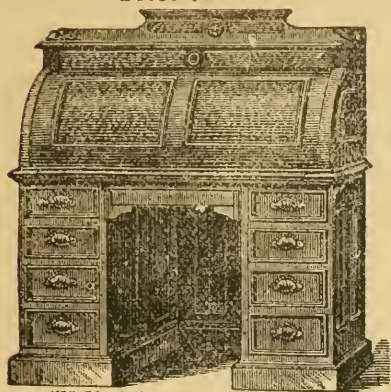
This Office Revolving and Spring Chair only \$5.00.



Price \$18.00.



Price \$40.00. Cylinder Desk and Drawers.



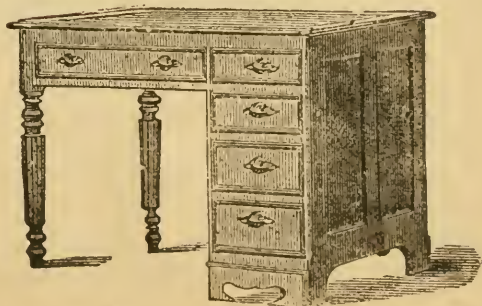
Price \$45.00. Cylinder open front. Drawers on each side.



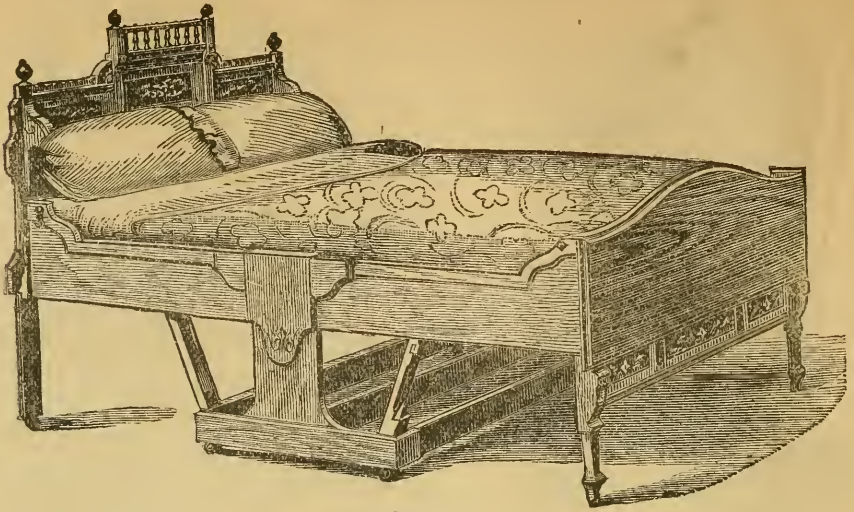
Price \$12.00.



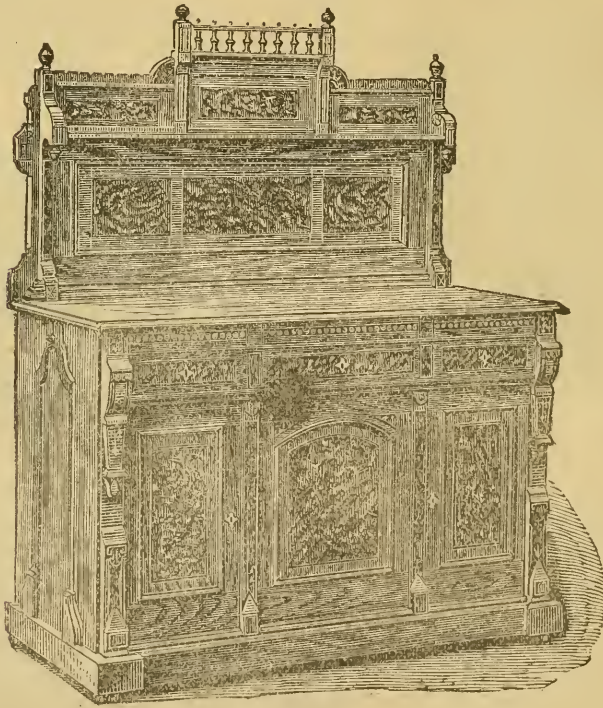
This Chair perforated seat and back. Price \$1.50



Price \$14.00. These Desks are all warranted. Call and examine.



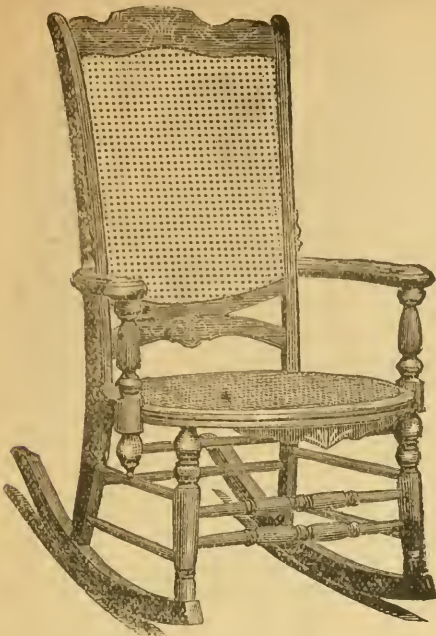
OPEN.



CLOSED.

For beauty in appearance, simplicity of adjustment, perfection in construction, and all that mechanical ingenuity can devise in this direction, the Cabinet Bed to which the above illustrations allude, is complete, and baffles improvement.

Price complete, including Spring and Curled Hair Mattress, \$50.00 to \$85.00.



This large Rocker for \$3.50.



This very nice Rocker, \$2.50.

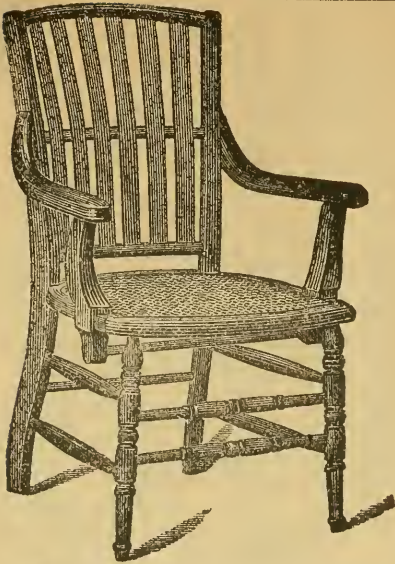


Brace Arm Chair,
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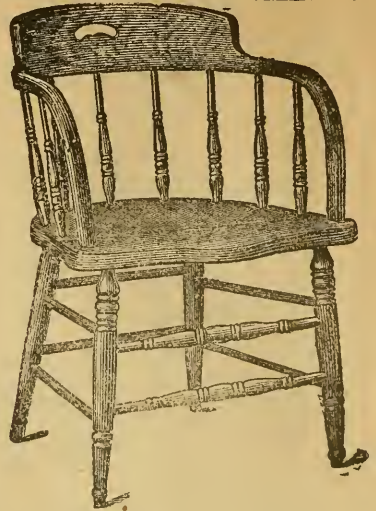


A very good Chair,
Price \$1.00.

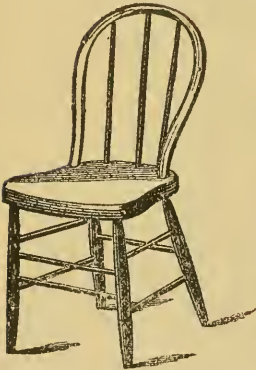
“The short horse is soonest curried,” is paraphrased by a Teutonic friend of ours up at the Brunswick to read, “Dur schmall leetle ponies don’t take such a goot vile to brush himself all over mit der gurry gomes.”



A good strong and serviceable
Arm Chair. Price \$3.00.



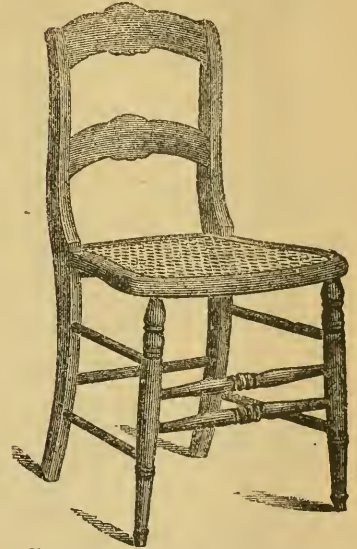
Douglass Arm Chair.
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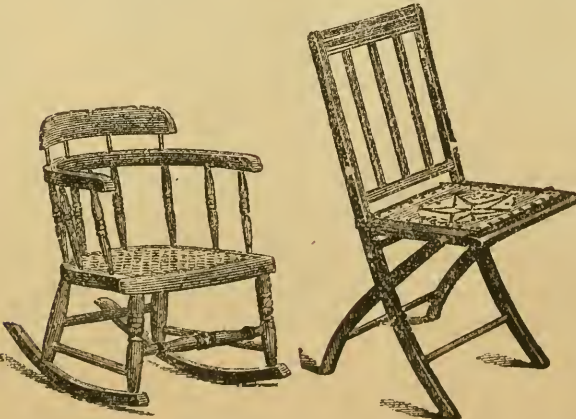
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Price 40 Cents.



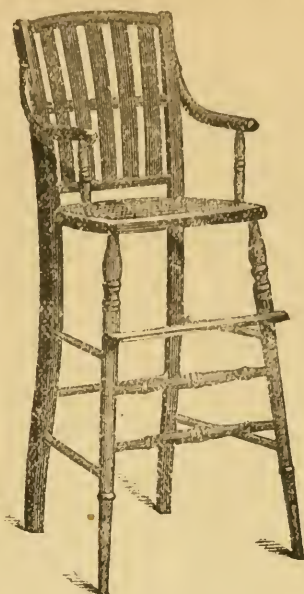
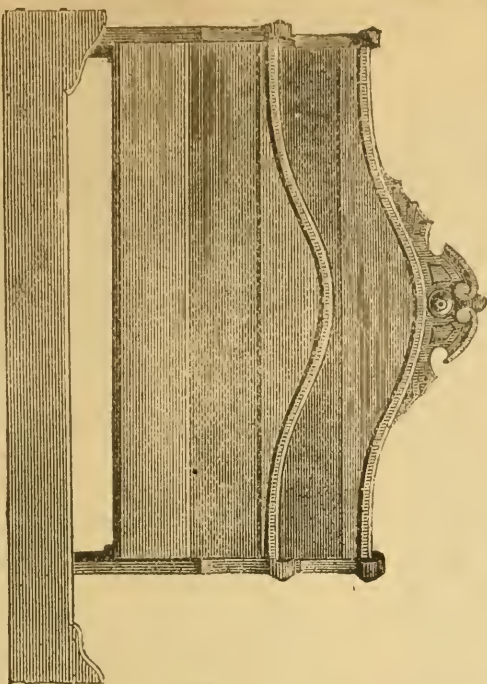
Large Cane Seat 70 Cents.



Child's Rocker, \$1.00. Folding Cane Seat Chair, \$1.50.

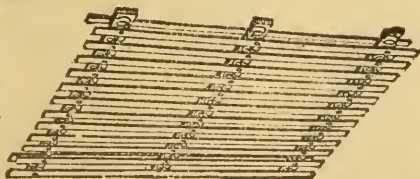
A boy was asked which was the greatest evil, hurting another's feelings or his finger. "The feelings," he said. "Right, my dear child," said the gratified questioner; "and why is it worse to hurt the feelings?" "Because you can't tie a rag around them," explained the child.

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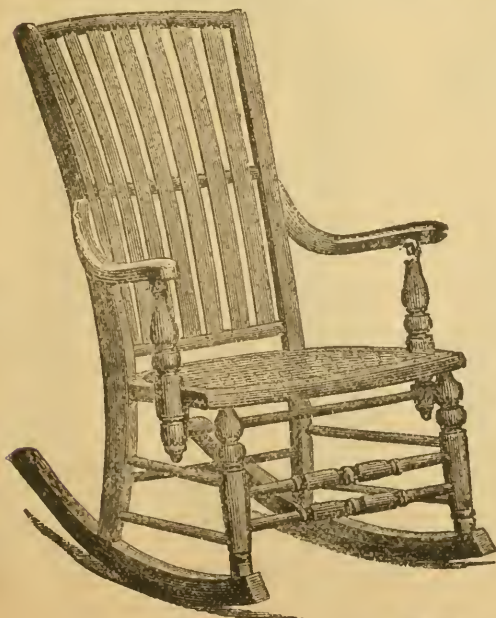


This High Chair,
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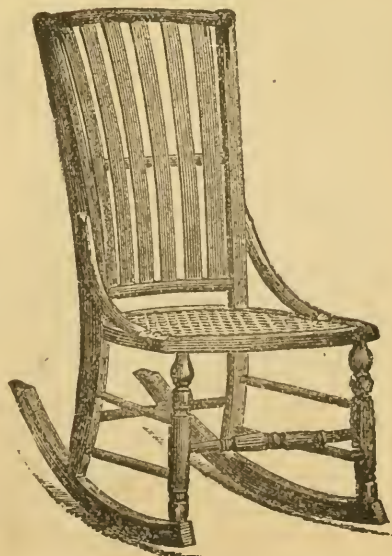
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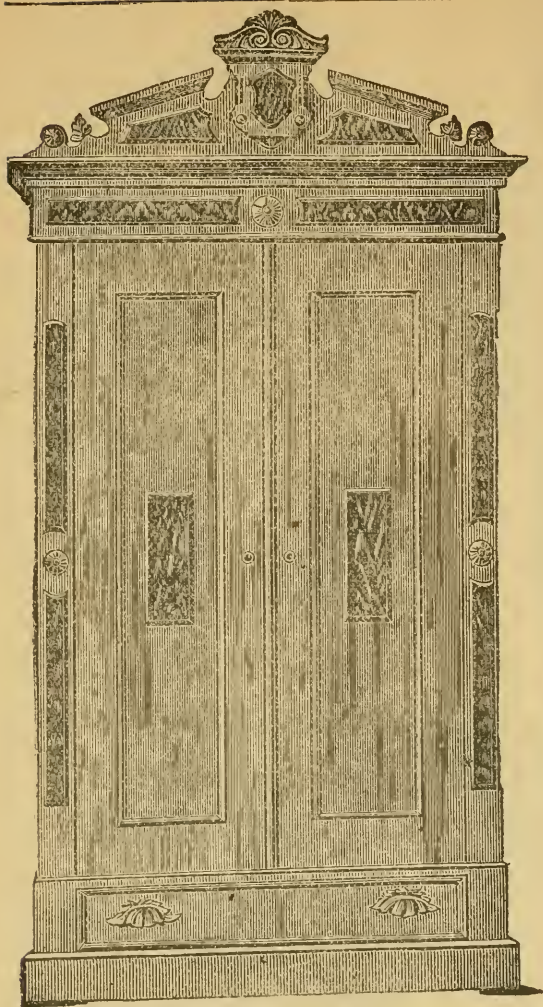
This Mar-
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Long Branch Rocking Chair, \$3.00.



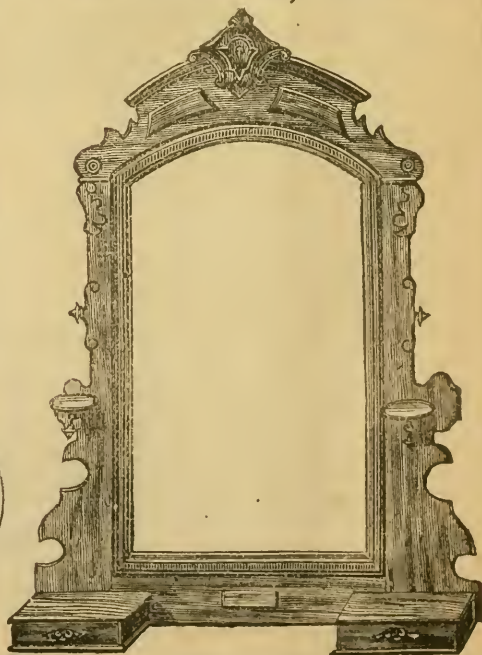
This Chair is made on the same
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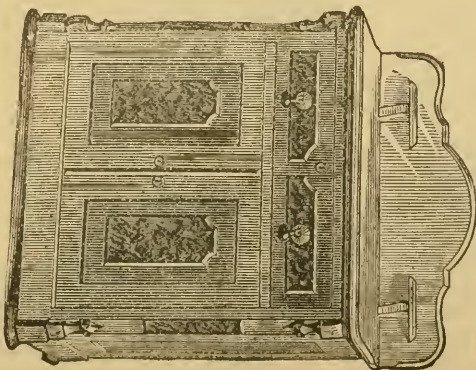
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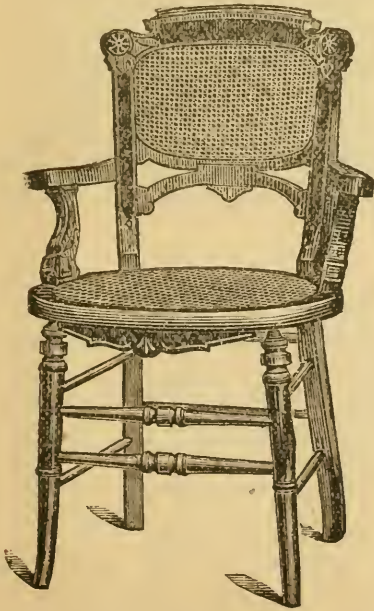
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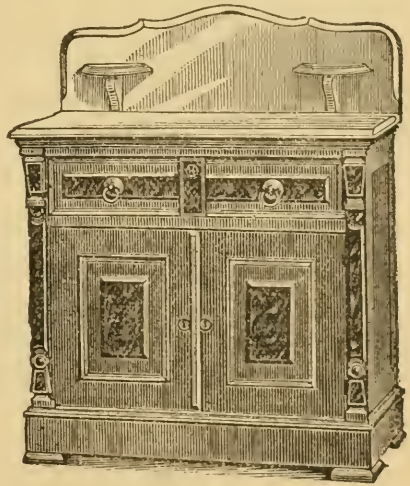


This very beautiful Arm Chair, solid Walnut, costs but \$4.00.

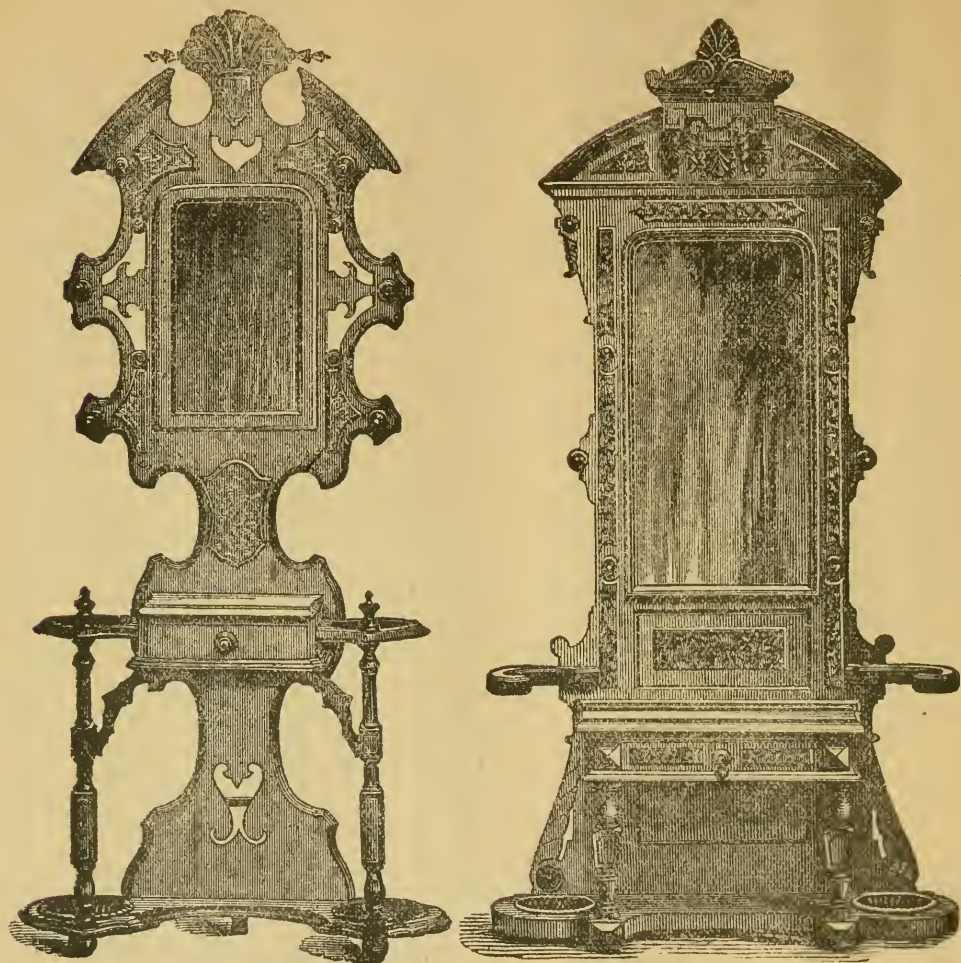
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Better to bend the neck than bruise the forehead.

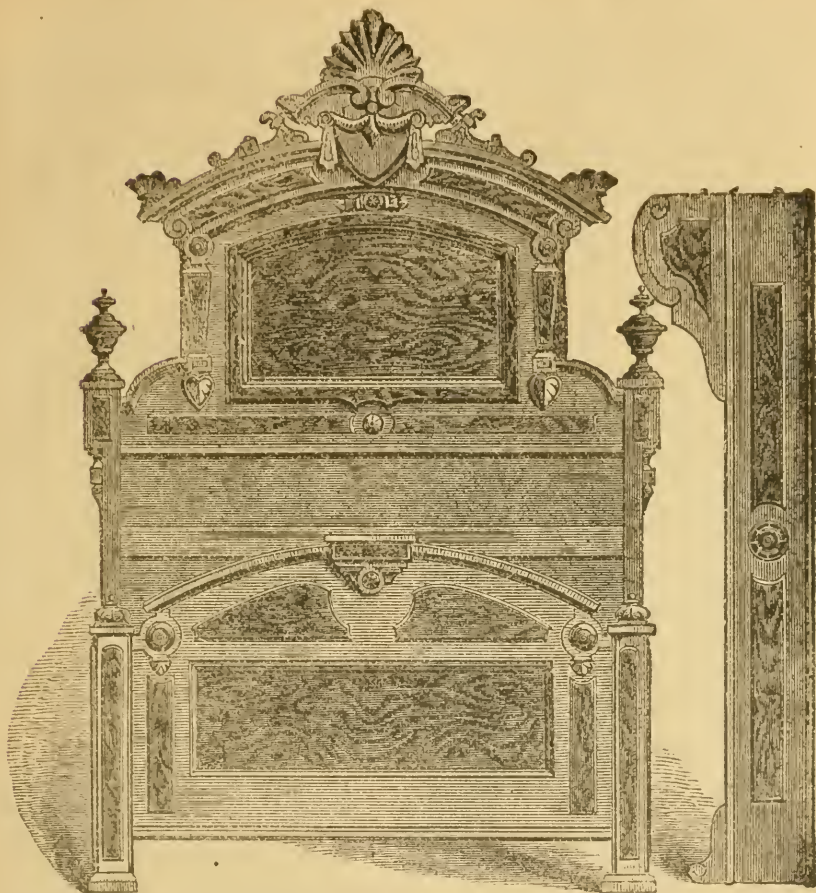


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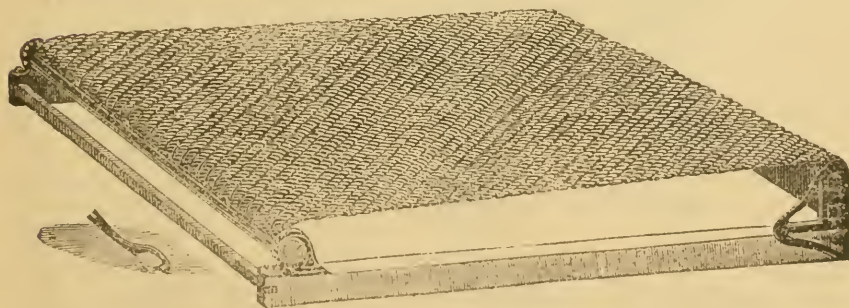


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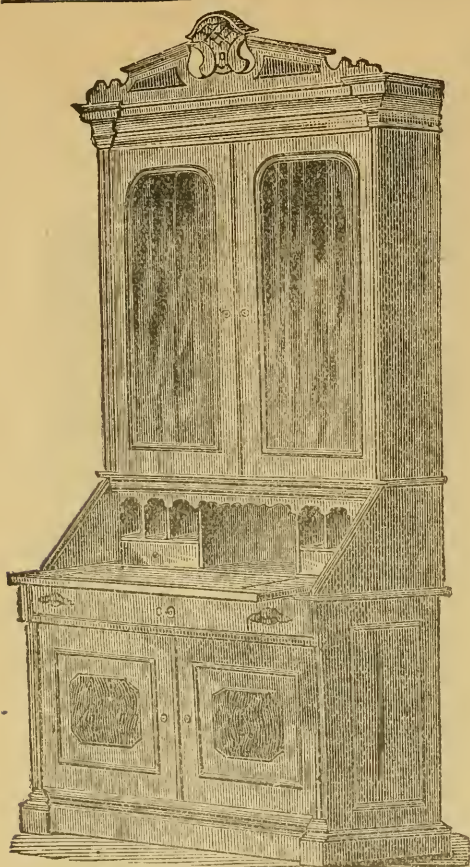
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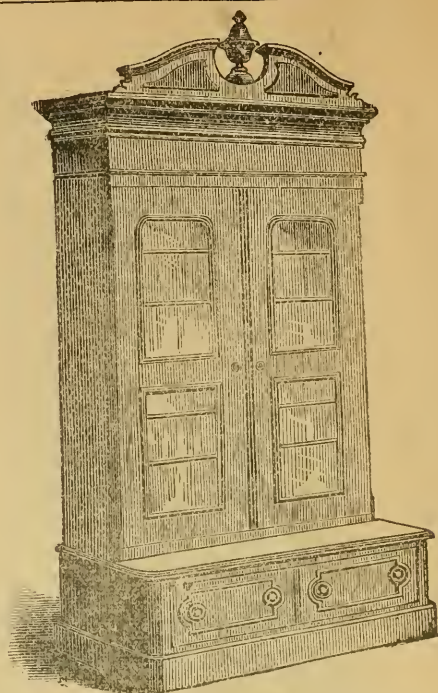
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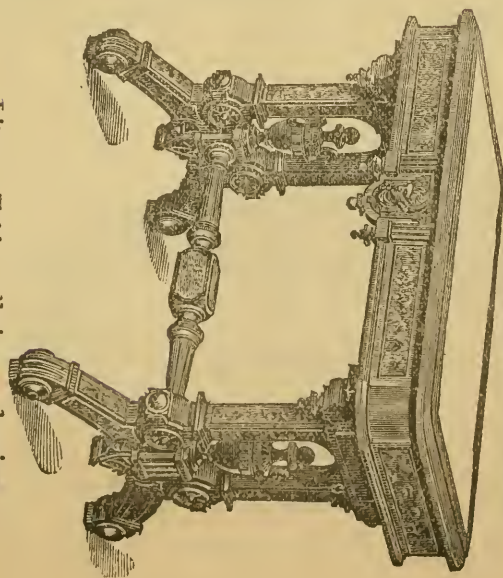
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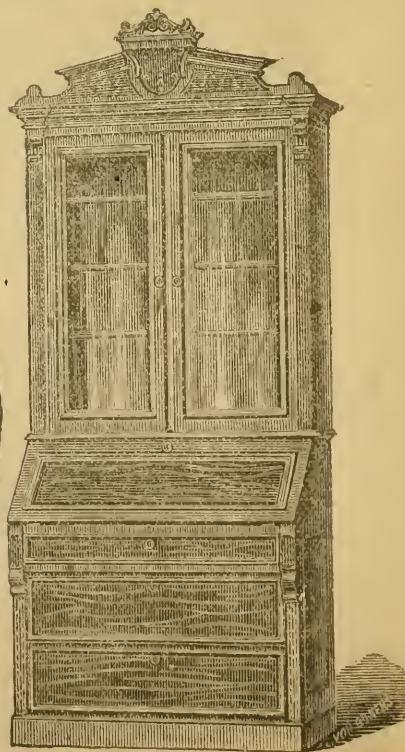
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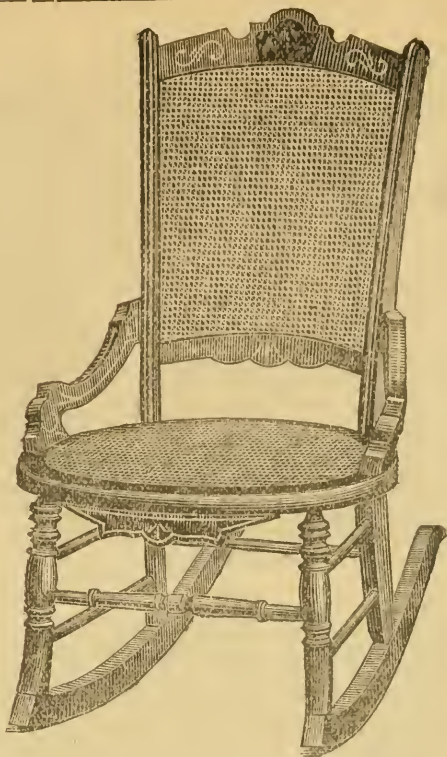
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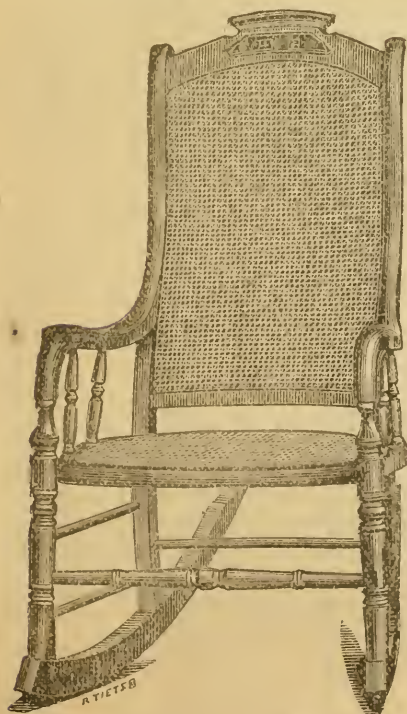
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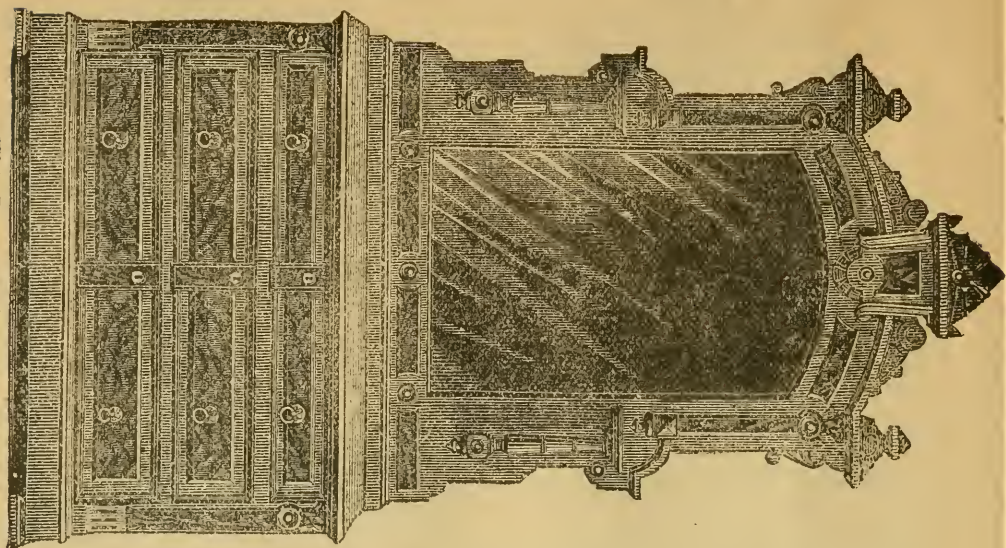
This Rocker matches the opposite Chair.
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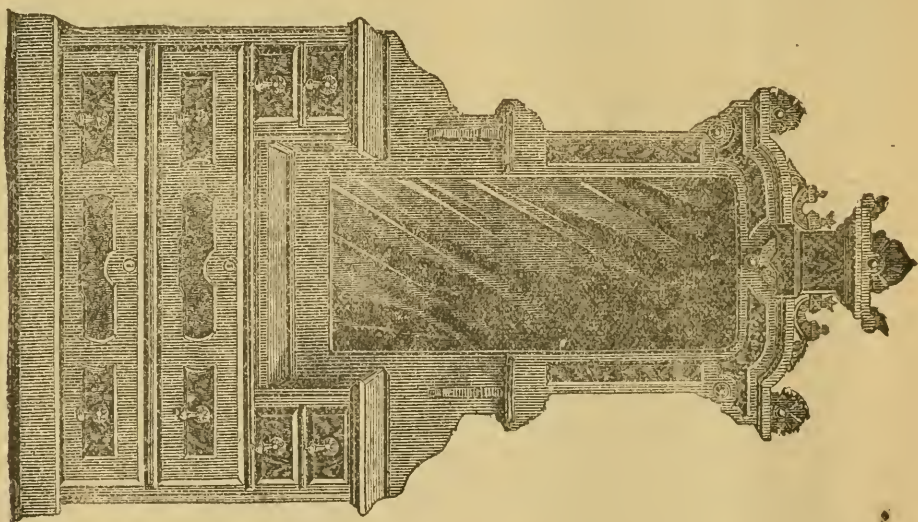
Large Walnut Rocker \$4.50.

A young New York married man traveling in Kansas recently received the dispatch, "Return immediately; you are a father." On the eve of his return his lady friends determined to play a joke on him. They procured from the neighborhood three other babies, placed all four in a row on a bed in an adjoining apartment, and covered them up. When he arrived he embraced his wife in great delight, and was then led forth to behold his first-born. When the cover was raised, an indescribable look of surprise overspread his countenance, and he exclaimed: "Great heavens! Did any of them get away?"

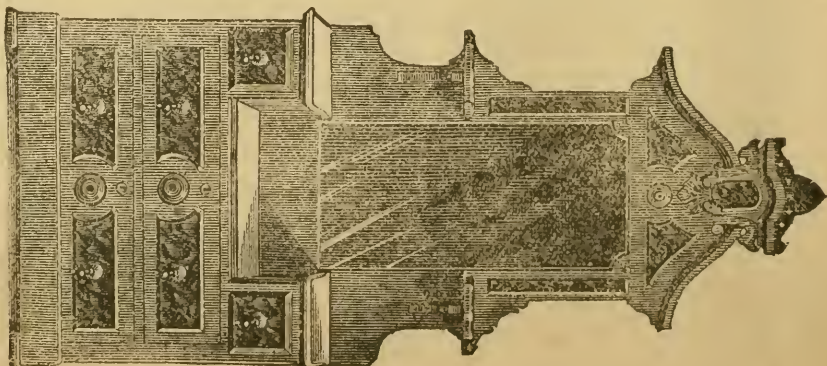
Truth is tough and will not break like a bubble at a touch; nay, you may kick it about all day like a foot ball, and it will be round and full in the evening. Does not Mr. Bryant say that "Truth gets well if she is run over by a locomotive, when error dies of lockjaw if she scratches her finger?"



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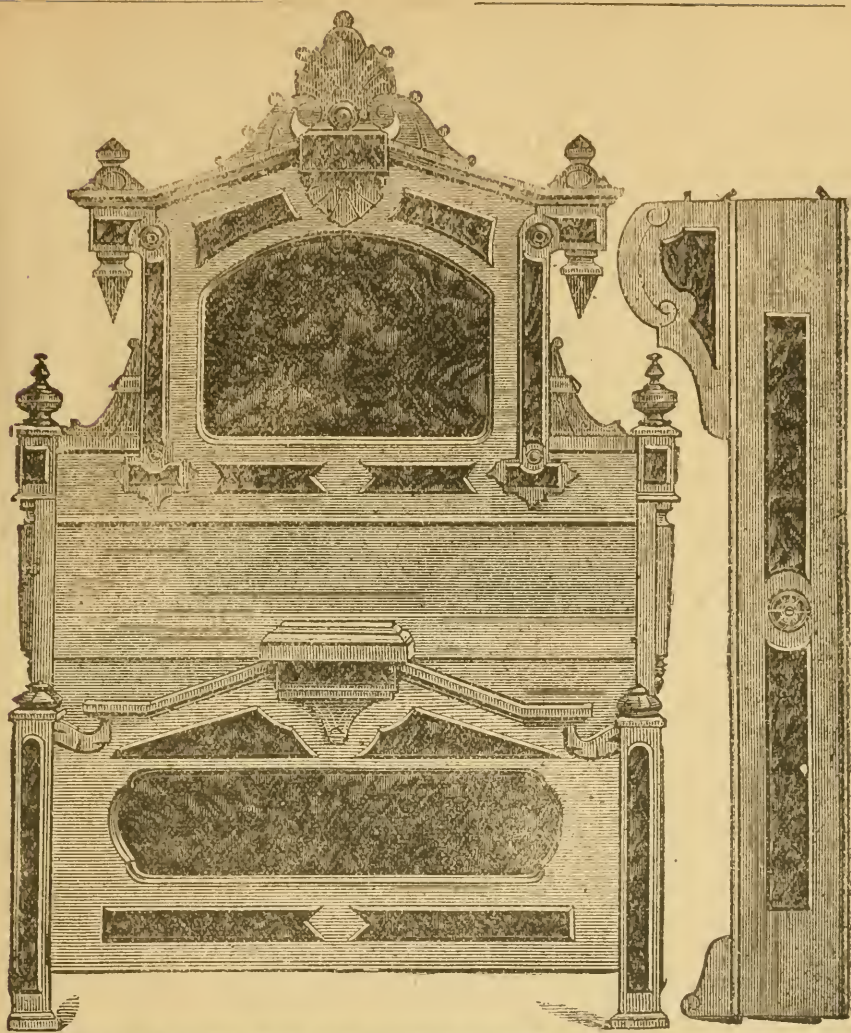


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